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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Epstein

Serial No.: 09/370,488

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Title: **KEY EXCHANGE VIA A PORTABLE REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE**

Atty. Docket No.: PHA 23,744

Group Art Unit: 2134

Examiner: Callahan, Paul E.

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Amendment/Reply to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action of 7 May 2003, please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

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8/5/03REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for multiple uses of the same reference numbers (941 and 963) in FIG. 5. The Applicant respectfully notes that the specification refers to "parameter X 941" and "parameter Y 963". The parameter X 941 is transmitted from device A 400 to the remote device 390, and then this *same* parameter X 941 is transmitted from the remote device 390 to device B 500. In like manner, the parameter Y 963 is transmitted from device B 500 to the remote device 390, and then this *same* parameter Y 963 is transmitted from the remote device 390 to device A 400. Because each of the multiple uses of the same reference number (941, 963) refers to the same parameter (X, Y), the Applicant respectfully suggests that it is appropriate to use the same reference numeral in each of the occurrences of each parameter in FIG. 5. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the objection to the drawings.